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Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

Did You Know the Library Has Books in Foreign Languages?

The Children's Department has a growing collection of story books, folk tales, picture books, and nonfiction books in many foreign languages, including Russian, Polish, Korean, Urdu, and Gujarati. These books can help to preserve native languages.

For multi-lingual families, these foreign language books can be of great help in learning vocabulary and grammar. The books will be on display in January and February; they are classified in the 400s.

Upstairs, on the main floor, between the 999s and Biographies, adult books in seventeen languages are available for circulation. Besides Spanish, French, Italian and German, and a large collection of books and magazines in Korean, there are books in Gujarati, Russian, Hebrew, Polish, Urdu, Japanese, Hindi, Bengali, Portuguese, Greek and Ukrainian.

Puppet Show for All Ages

Zapato Puppet Theater will perform ***The Rickety Wheel Makes the Most Noise,*** **on Saturday, January 30 at 2:00 pm in the Baxter Room.** Come and join in the fun with such characters as an old Spanish storyteller, Saldania; his dog, Hueso; a tightrope walker named Mr. Onion; and a wise-cracking violin played by Gustavo, a wacky musician.

The Dark Side: Gardening in the Shade

Is your garden solar-challenged? An expert from the Chicago Botanic Garden will give a lecture **Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm** about how to grow colorful, productive, and satisfying gardens in shady areas.

This program will be the first in a series of free lectures at the Morton Grove Public Library. The series is part of the Botanic Garden's Blooming Branches program to provide gardening classes at area libraries. Registration for The Dark Side is limited to 100 and will begin Feb. 8. To register, call 965-4220 or stop by the Reader's Services Desk. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with valid library cards.

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
BLOOMING BRANCHES

Coming up:

March 25: "Contain This! Container Gardening"

April 21: "Superb Sensations: Herb Gardening."

Check the next issue of *Focus* for registration information for the March and April gardening programs.

Jan./Feb. Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 31: Open 9 to 5 (no evening hours)
Friday, January 1: Closed for New Year's Day
Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - open 9 - 9
Monday, February 15: Washington's Birthday - open 9 - 9

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1-5

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

January

1/5	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime videos
1/12	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime videos
1/17	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette*
1/18	Mo	11:00, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Beloved* Rated R
1/19	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/25	Mo		Registration for Search Engines Training begins
1/26	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
1/26	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud, book discussion group
1/28	Th	7:00	Travel Resources on the Internet
1/30	Sa	2:00	*The Rickety Wheel Makes the Most Noise*

February

2/2	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/7	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg*
2/9	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/11	Th	7:30	Search Engine Class
2/14	Su	3:00	Mark Valenti in concert
2/15	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Pleasantville*, rated PG-13
2/16	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/20	Sa	9:30	Search Engine Class
2/20	Sa	2:00	Animal Kingdom
2/23	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
2/23	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud: book discussion group
2/24	We	7:30	Search Engine Class
2/25	Th	7:00	The Dark Side: Gardening in the Shade

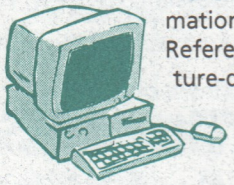
Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Registration for the following two Internet training programs is limited to Morton Grove residents. Priority is given to patrons who have completed Basic Internet tutoring. Contact Susan McGowan for consideration of other training if you have not had tutoring at the Library. To register, call 965-4220 or sign-up at the Reader's Services Desk. Please have your Library card number and the month/year of the Internet tutoring session that you attended when you call to register.

Travel Resources on the Internet



Travelers are finding the Internet to be an invaluable source of information for planning trips across the country or around the world. Reference Librarian Penny Sympson will present a one-hour lecture-demonstration on the wide range of useful Internet travel sites on **Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm.** Registration is limited to 100 and begins January 11. Please refer to the paragraph above regarding registration.

Three Internet Search Engines Classes

Learn more about how to find information on the Internet with the help of several popular search engine programs such as Alta Vista and Yahoo! Reference Coordinator Susan McGowan will guide these hands-on sessions for up to six people per class. Registration begins February 1st; please refer to the registration information above when calling.

Thursday, February 11 - 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Saturday, February 20 - 9:30 to 10:30 am
Wednesday, February 24 - 7:30 to 8:30 pm

The Internet in Russian

Using the Library's Russian Web site, Librarian Natalya Fishman will give a lecture and demonstration in Russian on how to use the Internet **Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm.** Registration begins February 1st. Please call 965-4220 to register or sign-up at the Reader's Services desk.

Lunch Time Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Videos. Travel to far-away places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Book Discussion Group

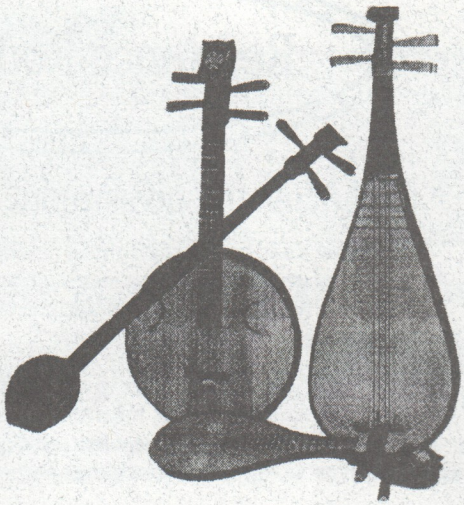
Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **January 26** to discuss *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

On **February 23**, the Thinking Out Loud discussion will be about the book, *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes.

Kids Programs

West Meets East!

Enjoy the music, traditional costumes, culture, and language of Japan, China, Cambodia, Korea and Russia performed by Qiu Min Ji on **Saturday, January 16 at 2 pm in the Baxter Room.** Learn about Asian countries from the colors, sights, and sounds that Qiu Min Ji brings to the Library stage. She is a musician and bilingual teacher who will demonstrate how to play the Erhu, a two-string Chinese violin, and other instruments.



Valentine's Day Cards

On Monday, January 18, children are invited to make fancy, frilly, or pop-up Valentine's Day cards in the Craft Room from **2:30 until 4:00** pm. Doilies, card paper, lace and die-cut shapes will be available for Valentine creations.

Special Children's Feature Film

Paulie **will be shown at 10:30 and 2:00 on Saturday, February 6th in the Baxter Room.**

The star of the movie is Paulie, a parrot who possesses verbal and comprehension skills unlike any other bird of his kind. Paulie narrates the story of how he helped a young girl learn to speak, how they became friends, and how they were re-united after a lengthy separation.

Children's Classes

Winter session begins the week of January 4, 1999. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment began December 14 for Morton Grove residents and December 21 for non-residents. Phone registrations are still being taken.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Lyric Opera Lecture

Sunday, January 17 at 2 pm: David Robin will provide a music-lecture on Charles Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette.*

Sunday, February 7 at 2 pm: Dr. Tom Brown will give a presentation on Richard Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg.*

Films

***Beloved*, rated R, will be shown Monday, January 15 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm.** The film is based on Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning book and was produced by Oprah Winfrey. It is the story of Sethe, an escaped slave from Kentucky, who now lives near Cincinnati with her only surviving daughter, Denver, in a house haunted by the horrors of slavery.

Doll Collection on Display

Be sure to see the collection of dolls from India on display during the month of January in the display case located in the Lincoln Avenue entrance to the Library.

The doll collection was generously donated to the Library by Hilda Daly.

***Pleasantville*, rated PG-13, will be shown Monday, February 15 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm.** This film shows the story of a teenaged brother and sister who are transported into 1950s sitcoms via a faulty remote control. Their 90s attitudes bring color into the black- and white world of early television.

New Staff at the Library

Employees who have joined the staff in recent months:

Stacy Boldt, Circulation
Nancy Brothers, Programming
Carol Flood, Children's
Doretta Fuhs, Reader's Services
Gerald Gutierrez, Circulation
Garry Hendrix, Maintenance
Manju Madhav, Children's
Carol Reesh, Children's
Lorraine Santos, Circulation
Rebecca Vnuk, Reader's Services

Morton Grove Public Library Card Identification Requirements

Effective January 2, 1999, two forms of identification will be required to obtain a library card, register for reciprocal borrowing privileges, or to renew an existing card. The two forms of identification must include a picture ID and verification of current address (dated within a month of the application date). Examples of acceptable forms of identification are: driver's license or state ID, utility bill, 1st class mail, bank statement, school schedule with name of applicant, vehicle registration sticker forms, vehicle insurance card, mortgage or lease papers.

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Reference Round-up

Financial and Investment Resources at the Library

The New Year brings thoughts of income tax preparation and a review of investment results. Whether you invest on your own or work with a financial planner, you may want to investigate additional investment options in the Business Reference Collection:

The Library now subscribes to the ***Expanded Edition*** of ***Value Line Ratings and Reports*** which provides information on an additional 1800 smaller and more volatile stocks. The two ***Value Line*** editions provide investor information for nearly 4,000 stocks, updated four times each year.

The Commodity Training Manual, published by the Chicago Board of Trade, offers a clear overview of the rapidly growing futures market.

Author Gene Walden says his top five stocks had a 29.6% return compared to the ***S&P 500*** return of 20.3%. In ***100 Best Stocks to Own in America*** you can check his picks based on past performance in six key financial areas.

Penny stocks are those defined by the SEC as having a price of $5 or less per share; most are traded over the counter. The 500 stocks profiled in ***Walker's Manual of Penny Stocks*** were chosen for their financial solvency and profitability.

Unlisted stocks are inactive or have so few shares that there is little activity but many are attractive investment opportunities. ***Walker's Manual of Unlisted Stocks*** profiles 500 unlisted stocks in four categories: income, value, growth, and speculation.

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